

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the present application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c), as indicated below:

1. (Currently amended): A track-tightening device for crawlers, comprising an undercarriage or bogie consisting of a structure (20) which includes elements (21) for carrying ~~the~~ lower supporting rollers (2), as well as ~~the~~ idler back-pull wheels (11) and optionally possibly also the a crawler wheel, said structure (20) having a housing ~~a~~ guide system (25) for ~~the~~ controlled axial sliding of the track-tightening device (5) carried by a second movable structure (8), said second movable structure (8) being equipped with fittings (26) which interconnect with the guide system (25), and supporting the said second movable structure having an idler wheel (3) as well as supporting roller (22), the structure (20) and the second movable structure interact by way of guide (25) and fittings (26) to modify the wheel base between the idler wheel (3) and the back pull wheel(11) of the front and back wheels of the bogie by axial sliding, the second movable structure (8) also carries carrying at least one movable supporting roller (22), capable of following the longitudinal movement of the idler wheel (3), characterized in that said at least the first of said movable supporting rollers (22) is integral in constant contact with the idler wheel (3) so that the reciprocal distance does not vary during the operating life of the vehicle, under any operating condition and with any range of the track-tightening device.

2. (Currently amended): The track-tightening device for crawlers according to claim 1, characterized in that the second movable structure (8) carries two or more movable supporting rollers (22).

3. (Currently amended): The track-tightening device for crawlers according to

claim 2, characterized in that the second movable structure (8) carries two or more movable supporting rollers (22) with a floating bogie arrangement.

4. (Original) The track-tightening device for crawlers according to claim 1, characterized in that the idler wheel (3) is installed on the bogie in a front position.

5. (Original) The track-tightening device for crawlers according to claim 1, characterized in that the movable supporting rollers have the same structure and dimensions as the fixed supporting rollers (2).

6. (Currently amended): The track-tightening device for crawlers according to claim 1, characterized in that the ~~movable~~ supporting rollers (22) possessed by the second movable structure have different structure and dimensions ~~then~~ than the fixed supporting rollers (2) possessed by the first structure (20).

7. (Original) The track-tightening device for crawlers according to claim 1, characterized in that the track-tightener (5) is activated with a tightener/shock absorber group (30) which comprises a helicoidal spring (36), which operates in extension, and a chamber (38) filled with the injection of a lubricant which acts as an adjustable run end and tightener of the chain (1) of the track.

8. (Original) The track-tightening device for crawlers according to claim 7, characterized in that the tightener/shock absorber group (30) comprises calibration means of the longitudinal position of the fixed shoulder (34) of the helicoidal spring (36) with respect to the structure (20) of the undercarriage.

9. (Original) The track-tightening device for crawlers according to claim 7,

characterized in that the tightener/shock absorber group (30) comprises a cylindrical telescopic guide (31/32) coaxial with the helicoidal spring (36) and with the lubricant injection chamber (38).

10. (Original) The track-tightening device for crawlers according to claim 7, characterized in that the tightener/shock absorber group (30) comprises a helicoidal spring (36) and with the lubricant injection chamber (38) separate and arranged in series on the same axis.

11. (Original) The track-tightening device for crawlers according to claim 7, characterized in that the tightener/shock absorber group (30) comprises a helicoidal spring (36) and with the lubricant injection chamber (38) separate and arranged on parallel axes.